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OWNER'S MANUAL

Please read before using this equipment.

Voice-Activated Telephone Recording Control

RadioShack™

FEATURES

Your RadioShack Voice-Activated Telephone Recording Control plugs directly into a modular jack on your telephone line and lets you automatically record your phone conversations using a tape recorder (not supplied) that has microphone and remote jacks. The Recording Control's features include:

Adjustable Input Level — lets you set the Recording Control's sensitivity to prevent false voice-activated starts.

Broad Compatibility — works on any conventional phone line.

Low Power Consumption — uses only four AA batteries for up to 2,000 hours of operation.

Battery Power Test Button — at the press of a button, lets you test the battery power level to see if you need to replace the batteries.

Note: To use your Recording Control, you need four AA batteries (such as RadioShack Cat. No. 23-552) and a tape recorder with MIC (microphone) and REM (remote) jacks

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This recording control has been tested and found to comply with all applicable UL and FCC standards.

Warning: To prevent fire or shock hazard, do not expose this product to rain or moisture.

CAUTION

RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK.
DO NOT OPEN.

CAUTION: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE COVER OR BACK. NO USER-SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED PERSONNEL.

This symbol is intended to alert you to the presence of uninsulated dangerous voltage within the product's enclosure that might be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock. Do not open the product's case.

This symbol is intended to inform you that important operating and maintenance instructions are included in the literature accompanying this product.

Notes:

- The Recording Control and tape recorder do *not* act as an answering machine.
- It is illegal in some states to record a conversation without the consent of all parties to the conversation, including the phone company. Check the laws in your area before using the Recording Control.

READ THIS BEFORE INSTALLATION

We have designed your telephone recording control to conform to federal regulations, and you can connect it to most telephone lines. However, each device that you connect to the phone line draws power from the phone line. We refer to this power draw as the device's Ringer Equivalence Number, or REN (the REN is shown on the bottom of your Recording Control).

If you are using more than one phone or other device on the line, add up all the RENs. If the total is more than five, your phones might not ring. In rural areas, a total REN of three might impair ringer operation. If ringer operation is impaired, disconnect one of the devices from the line.

FCC STATEMENT

Your Recording Control complies with Part 68 of *FCC Rules*. You must, upon request, provide the FCC registration number and the REN to your phone company. Both numbers are on the bottom of your Recording Control.

Note: You must not connect your Recording Control to:

- Coin-operated systems
- Party-line systems

PREPARATION

INSTALLING BATTERIES

Your Recording Control requires four AA batteries for power. For the best performance and longest life, we recommend alkaline batteries (such as RadioShack Cat. No. 23-552). Follow these steps to install batteries in the Recording Control.

Cautions:

- Always use fresh batteries of the required size and type.
- Do not mix old and new batteries, different types of batteries (standard, alkaline, or rechargeable), or rechargeable batteries of different capacities.

1. Press the tab on the battery compartment cover toward the center of the Recording Control, then lift the cover to remove it.

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2. Place the batteries in the compartment according to the polarity symbols (+ and –) marked inside.

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3. Replace the cover.

To check the battery power level at any time, press **BATTERY TEST**. If the red indicator next to **BATTERY TEST** does not light (and you have properly installed the batteries), or if the Recording Control stops working properly, replace the batteries.

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Caution: Dispose of old batteries promptly and properly; do not burn or bury them.

Note: If you will not be using the Recording Control for a week or more, remove the batteries.

CHOOSING A LOCATION

You can set the Recording Control on any flat surface, such as a counter, shelf, or desktop. Choose a location for your Recording Control that is:

- Within 6 feet of the nearest modular phone jack
- Large enough to place the Recording Control and tape recorder side-by-side or near each other

MAKING THE CONNECTIONS

Connecting to the Phone Line

You can connect the Recording Control to a modular jack on any conventional phone line. If your telephone wiring does not have a modular jack, you can update the wiring yourself or have the telephone company update it for you.

Notes:

- RadioShack stores sell jacks and adapters to convert older wiring methods to modular wiring.
- The USOC number of the jack to be installed is RJ11C (or RJ11W for a wall plate jack).

Important: Do not cut the Recording Control's modular cord or try to splice it directly into another phone line cord. This voids your Recording Control's warranty.

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If you are connecting the Recording Control to a modular jack where no other telephone device is connected, plug the recording control's modular plug directly into the modular jack.

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If you are connecting the Recording Control to a modular jack where another device is connected (such as your phone), plug a duplex adapter (Cat. No. 279-357) into the modular jack, then plug the Recording Control and the other telephone device into the adapter's jacks.

Note: The Recording Control can record from only one line. Be sure the modular jack you select is on the same phone line (same phone number) you plan to record from.

Connecting to a Tape Recorder

You can use the Recording Control with any tape recorder that has microphone and remote jacks.

Note: Your local RadioShack store carries a wide selection of tape recorders.

To connect the Recording Control to your tape recorder, insert the Recording Control's smaller Y-plug into the tape recorder's remote (REM) jack, then insert the other Y-plug into the microphone (MIC) jack.

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SETTING THE RECORDING CONTROL AND TAPE RECORDER

Follow these steps to select the correct settings for the Recording Control's **SENSITIVITY** and **SELECT A/B** switches.

Note: For instructions on operating your tape recorder, refer to the owner's manual provided with it.

1. On the back of the Recording Control, set:
   - **SENSITIVITY H M L** to **H** (the highest sensitivity level)
   - **SELECT** to **A**

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2. Set **PLAYBACK/RECORD** on the Recording Control to **RECORD**.

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3. Load a blank cassette tape (or one you want to record over) into the tape recorder's cassette compartment.
4. Turn on the tape recorder and set it to record. The tape might move for a few seconds, but it should then stop.

   If the tape does not stop and the tape recorder begins recording, set **SELECT** on the back of the Recording Control to **B** so the tape stops.
5. Pick up your telephone's handset so you can hear the dial tone. The tape recorder begins recording.

6. Hang up the handset and note how many seconds elapse between the time you hang up the phone and the time the tape stops moving (when recording stops).

   If the tape stops within 20 seconds after you hang up, the Recording Control and tape recorder are now set to automatically record your phone conversations.

   If the tape does not stop moving within 20 seconds after you hang up, set **SENSITIVITY HML** to **M** or **L** then repeat Steps 5 and 6.

Note: To set the Recording Control and tape recorder to not record your calls, or to listen to your recorded phone conversations, see “Operation” on Page 15.

OPERATION

RECORDING YOUR CALLS

To automatically record your phone conversations, make sure your tape recorder is set to record and **PLAYBACK/RECORD** on the Recording Control is set to **RECORD**. Each time you pick up the phone's handset to make or answer a call, the tape recorder automatically begins recording. When you hang up the handset, the tape recorder automatically stops recording.

Notes:

- The Recording Control automatically stops recording if it detects silence for about 5 seconds. If this happens while you are using the phone (for example, if there are 5 or more seconds of silence during a phone conversation), simply speak into the phone to start recording again.
- To stop recording during a call (or to not have a call recorded at all), simply stop (or turn off) the tape recorder.
- Most tape recorders automatically stop recording when the tape reaches the end. When this happens, be sure to turn the tape over or replace it.

LISTENING TO YOUR RECORDINGS

To listen to your recordings, be sure your tape recorder is no longer set to record, then set **PLAYBACK/RECORD** to **PLAYBACK** on the Recording Control and use your tape recorder's play, rewind, and fast-forward buttons as usual.

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Note: If you set **PLAYBACK/RECORD** to **PLAYBACK** while the tape recorder is set to record, the tape recorder continuously records until you stop it.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

To enjoy your RadioShack Voice-Activated Phone Recording Control for a long time:

- Keep the Recording Control dry. If it gets wet, wipe it dry immediately.
- Use and store the Recording Control only in normal temperature environments.
- Handle the Recording Control gently and carefully. Don't drop it.
- Keep the Recording Control away from dust and dirt.
- Wipe the Recording Control with a damp cloth occasionally to keep it looking new.

Modifying or tampering with the Recording Control's internal components can cause a malfunction and might invalidate its warranty and void your FCC authorization to use it. If the Recording Control is not performing as it should, take it to your local RadioShack store for assistance.

THE FCC WANTS YOU TO KNOW

In the unlikely event that your Recording Control causes problems on the phone line, the phone company can temporarily discontinue your service. If this happens, the phone company attempts to notify you in advance. If advance notice is not practical, the phone company notifies you as soon as possible and advises you of your right to file a complaint with the FCC.

Also, the phone company can make changes to its lines, equipment, operations, or procedures that could affect the operation of this telephone. The telephone company notifies you of these changes in advance, so you can take the necessary steps to prevent interruption of your telephone service.

LIGHTNING

Your Recording Control has built-in protection circuits to reduce the risk of damage from surges in telephone line and power line current. These protection circuits meet or exceed the FCC requirements. However, lightning striking the telephone or power lines can damage your Recording Control.

Lightning damage is not common. Nevertheless, if you live in an area that has severe electrical storms, we suggest that you unplug your recording control during storms to reduce the possibility of damage.

RadioShack Limited Warranty

This telephone product is warranted against manufacturing defects in material and workmanship for one (1) year from the date of purchase from RadioShack company owned stores and authorized RadioShack franchisees and dealers. Within this period **bring your RadioShack sales slip** as proof-of-purchase date to any RadioShack store.

This warranty does not cover damage or failure caused by or attributable to Acts of God, abuse, misuse, improper or abnormal usage, faulty installation, improper maintenance, lightning or other incidence of excess voltage, or any repairs other than those provided by a RadioShack Authorized Service Facility, or transportation costs. **RadioShack is not responsible or liable for indirect, special, or consequential damages arising out of or in connection with the use or performance of the product or other damages with respect to loss of property, loss of revenue or profit, or costs of removal, installation or reinstallation.**

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